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Criminal Justice

Appointment of Mr. T. Pattabhiramayya Pantulu as Public Prosecutor and Government Pleader in Ganjam.

*725-A Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state— 11-45 a.m.

(a) whether there is any Government Order or practice that the same person should not be appointed as Public Prosecutor and Government Pleader in the same Court or district for the third term, i.e., continuously for nine years;

(b) whether the Government are aware that Mr. T. Pattabhiramayya Pantulu has been appointed for the third time as Public Prosecutor and Government Pleader in Ganjam;

(c) what are the special qualifications and special achievements of Mr. T. Pattabhiramayya Pantulu as Government Pleader and Public Prosecutor to appoint him again for a third term; and

(d) whether the recommending authorities in the district consulted any of the vakils or the Bar Association before pushing in of the recommendation of Mr. T. Pattabhiramayya?

A.—(a) Yes. The practice is generally as suggested in the question.

(b) Yes.

(c) Both the District Magistrate and the District and Sessions Judge recommended him as best qualified for the appointment.

(d) The Government have no information.

Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI:—"May I ask if the Government will be pleased to call for a report from the District Judge, Ganjam, as regards the number of eligible pleaders and advocates in the Ganjam bar for the place of Public Prosecutor?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The Government will consider my friend's suggestion, Sir, when the time for the next appointment comes."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI:—"May I know then what is the good of this rule of ordinarily not selecting a man for the third time if the best man is to be always appointed? The rule implies that if the man is qualified, though not the best, he is to be appointed?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"I am afraid the hon. Member is arguing."

Appointment of Mr. T. Pattabhiramayya Pantulu as Public Prosecutor and Government Pleader in Ganjam before the expiry of his term of office.

*725-B Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) when the last term of Mr. T. Pattabhiramayya Pantulu as Public Prosecutor and Government Pleader in Ganjam expired;

(b) when the report of the District Magistrate reached the Government about the vacancy and when the Government passed orders reappointing Mr. T. Pattabhiramayya Pantulu;